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Pattern of conferences

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Pattern of conferences" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 17th, 19th and 36th meetings, on 1 and 2 November and 23 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.17, 19 and 36).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Conferences;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on pattern of conferences (A/60/93 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on reform of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (A/60/112);

(d) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/433);

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/60/32).

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(e) Letter dated 12 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/60/9).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.21

4. At its 36th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Pattern of conferences" (A/C.5/60/L.21), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Argentina.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.21 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 43/222 A to E of 21 December 1988, 52/214 of 22 December 1997, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 56/254 D of 27 March 2002, 56/262 of 15 February 2002, 56/287 of 27 June 2002, 57/283 A of 20 December 2002, 57/283 B of 15 April 2003, 58/250 of 23 December 2003 and 59/265 of 23 December 2004,

Reaffirming also its resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the equal treatment of the official languages of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences[1] and the relevant reports of the Secretary-General,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Approves* the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006 and 2007, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences,[4] taking into account the observations of the Committee;

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2006 and 2007 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat has taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 53/208 A of 18 December 1998, 54/248, 55/222, 56/242, 57/283 B, 58/250 and 59/265 concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requests all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any modification to the calendar of conferences and meetings is implemented strictly in accordance with the mandate of the Committee on Conferences and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/60/32)

[2] A/60/93 and Corr.1 and A/60/112.

[3] A/60/433

[4] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/60/32), annex.

5. *Decides* to continue consideration of the item during the first part of its resumed sixtieth session;

6. *Also decides* to resume consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences[5] and on reform of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management[6] in order to take action on them.

[5] A/60/93 and Corr.1.
[6] A/60/112.